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**REPORT**

To Our Readers - Owners

## 'STRANGERS'

"Strangers in Our Fields" is the title of an 80-page pamphlet, well illustrated, dealing with the Mexican workers who are yearly imported into our State and neighboring States to do agricultural work. It is based on a 4-month field survey made recently by Dr. Ernesto Galarza, research director for the AFLCIO National Agricultural Workers Union. The survey was made possible by a grant-in-aid from the Fund for the Republic.

Our own Neil Haggerty, executive secretary of the State Federation of Labor, is one of the sponsors of the fascinating little book, as a member of the United States Section of the Joint United States - Mexico Trade Union Committee, which is an official committee of the Inter-American Regional Organization of Workers affiliated with the International Confederation of Free Trades Unions.

Things rather complicated. But what it all boils down to is that the pamphlet is sponsored by a committee of good American labor people connected with the free world's great confederation of free trade unions.

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## 'SHEEP BETTER OFF'

No true labor man who believes in elemental rights for human beings can read this pamphlet without being deeply moved. For example, these workers come to California with contract, signed by representatives of the United States and Mexican Governments, which is supposed to give the worker decent protection. But on page 18 Dr. Galarza quotes a Mexican National:

"Some of us have read the contract, but it cannot be mentioned to the boss. If you want to know how useless is the contract, try to see somebody about it. This is the first time we have talked with anybody who has listened to us. The sheep over there in that field are better than we are. They have a shepherd to watch the flock and dogs that protect them instead of biting them. Here in the camp it is one bite after another. They bite your wages and they bite your self-love."

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## MEXICO AHEAD OF US

There is a quiet paragraph of Dr. Galarza's on page 74 with a sting in it which should make all good Americans ashamed:

"In Mexico certain rights of the workers are regarded as unalienable and are written into the Constitution. And in Mexican law no discrimination is made against agricultural workers in this respect, as is the case of the United States Labor Management Relations Act. The International Agreement, therefore, does not even maintain on paper the constitutional rights that the Mexican National has in his own country as a worker."

This pamphlet may be ordered from the U. S. Section, Joint United States - Mexico Trade Union Committee, Room 504, 815 - 16th Street NW, Washington 6, D. C., at 50 cents a copy. It's worth reading.

## Butchers' Contract

Twelve thousand members of the Butchers Union, including Local 120 in Alameda county, are covered by a new agreement signed this week with the Bay Area Meat Council of employers. It includes a health and welfare plan at \$11.76 monthly, a pension plan, and a 7½-cent wage rise as of October 1.

**OFFICIAL NOTICES**

The following unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 3 of this issue of the Journal.

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THE BAY AREA has a considerable number of people of Hungarian origin, just as do many parts of the country. But the intense sympathy for the present plight of Hungary, and for the courage of its working people, is not confined to Bay Area people of Hungarian origin. The picture above shows Ilona Massey, Hungarian-born stage and screen star, who is making a plea to all union women to help the Hungarians. She is shown with (left to right) Dr. Bela Fabian, noted Hungarian writer and former head of the Hungarian Democratic Party; AFLCIO Secretary William F. Schnitzler, and AFLCIO European Representative Irving Brown.

## Sheet Metal Workers Launch National Organizing Drive

By LLOYD CHILD

Business Representative Sheet Metal Workers 216

A communication received by Local 216 from the Sheet Metal Workers International Association, Washington, D. C., states that the organizing campaign is now under way. They expect to organize both building trades workers where necessary and production workers in all areas. Overall Director, George K. Reese, has been selected to coordinate the various phases of the campaign and his office will be with the General Headquarters in Washington, D. C.

Reese is preparing for publication in the JOURNAL, an article to inform the membership in general that this program is now under way—to acquaint the new staff with the membership and to request from officers and members alike, cooperation in the campaign as to the gathering together the names of employees and companies and locations of plants that are unorganized and should be within the fold of the Sheet Metal Workers' International Association.

The United States and Canada has been divided into five regions with a regional director in each area. The sheet metal workers who have worked in various locations around the country may be acquainted with some of those whose names are mentioned. The areas are as follows:

REGION I — New England States, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland: Alan Roberts, Regional Director; James Ferraris, John T. Garvey, (3 more organizers to start in future).

REGION II — Ohio, West Virginia, Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Oklahoma: G. Harold Ekdahl, Regional Director; Edwin C. Winter, Marcus M. Lisicki, Frank J. Scaduto, Thomas C. Gilbert, Edward W. Hussey.

REGION III — Washington, D. C., Virginia, Texas, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky: Ellis R. Beeler, Regional Director; Lu-

## Vets' Christmas Men Grateful To Auto Machinists

Dick Harris, Typographical 36, told the Central Labor

Council that he has suggested

to the Veterans Christmas

Committee that it would be

better to hold their meetings

on some other evening than

Monday.

Monday night, he pointed out, is when many labor people are attending the CLC.

It was brought out at the meeting of the Veterans Christmas Committee, he said, that the largest single contributor to the committee's fund for giving a good Christmas to veterans in hospitals of the East Bay was a labor union.

Manuel E. Francis, as a representative of East Bay Auto Machinists 1546, has received the following letter:

Your organization's contribution of \$300 to the Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee is gratefully received.

It is organizations such as yours who afford us the opportunity of continuing this worthwhile project.

We trust you will convey the sincere thanks of our Committee to all those who made this donation possible.

With kindest regards and my own personal thanks. I am,

Sincerely,

W.M. C. GROENIGER, JR.  
President, Veteran Hospitals Christmas Committee

Why not pass this copy of East Bay Labor Journal on to a friend when you've finished reading it?

## Dining Car Union Fete on Nov. 30th; Big R. R. Changes

Dining Car Cooks & Waiters Local 456 will have an installation and dinner dance at 8 p.m. Friday, November 30.

The festive event will take place at Jenkins Lounge, 7th and Wood Streets, Oakland. All reservations, at \$3 a plate, should be in by November 28, says Tom Anderson, secretary-treasurer and vice general chairman for his union's members on the Southern Pacific and the Western Pacific.

Anderson's telephone number is TEMplebar 2-1950.

Both Anderson and General Chairman William Pollard have been reelected. Anderson has held office for 20 years. Pollard became secretary in Los Angeles in 1942 and general chairman in 1944.

Eugene V. Blandin remains as president of Local 456, and Bertrand Hicks as vice president.

Pollard says that the number of dining car cooks and waiters has declined along with the Pullman service, which has been meeting stiff competition from airplanes and from the use of private automobiles and motels for long trips. This has necessarily resulted in a decline in the union membership.

Some railways have become so convinced that it is useless for them to try to meet this competition that they are even hoping to dump passenger service entirely and confine themselves to freight business. Occasionally would-be patrons of Pullman service are told over the phone when applying for space that it is all taken up. Yet when they go down to the depot to take a chance they find many openings.

There is a belief among some railroad employees that this is part of a deliberate effort by railroads to build up a case for being permitted to dump passenger traffic.

Pollard says, however, that he doesn't bother with such rumors. What he's interested in, and what the union is interested in, is getting jobs for railroad men in any line of work when their line of work begins to go out.

"It isn't only the people in the dining car service who feel this pinch," said Pollard. "Look at the boilermakers. Time was when the Southern Pacific had a great many of them, now very few."

He feels that a big retraining program is needed, to fit railroaders in any line for work in other lines of railroad work when there is a shift of emphasis on crafts.

"We are very much encouraged," he told East Bay Labor Journal, "by the cooperation we are getting from railroad management in placing members of our union in other lines of railroad work when they are forced out of work in their own line by the changes that are coming on."

Pollard says that dining car cooks and waiters, while they shared in the wage advance recently gained by all non-operating workers on the railroads, are even more interested in security of employment just now than in wage matters.

The third annual meeting of the Old Time Newsboys was held last week at the Lake Merritt Hotel. Many labor people were among those present.

Walter Standart of Mailers 18, member of East Bay Labor Journal's staff, was one of the labor people active in organizing the affair, as in past years.

Frank Zuerner, aged 82, still an active newspaper vendor, was the oldest newsboy present.

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John Hutchinson, Teachers Union, and other delegates discussed the heroism and tragic predicament of the people of Hungary at the meeting of the Central Labor Council Monday.

The executive committee will bring in a report next week on what participation by the council seems feasible in the move, sponsored by AFLCIO President Meany, to give assistance to the refugees from Hungary.

**Council Discusses Hungarian Tragedy**

The Riverside Central Labor Council is conducting a seven-week union leadership course at the AFL Labor Center, say the State Federation Newsletter.

Sponsored in conjunction with the University of California at Los Angeles, the course will include examination of basic labor laws, discussion of wage and welfare benefit collection laws, unemployment insurance, workmen's compensation, and new interpretation of the Taft-Hartley law.

**AGE DISCOUNT HOUSE** units acted by Clerks 1265, the Watchmakers, and Warehousemen 853, following a hearing held by the executive committee of the Central Labor Council, and a vote of the CLC delegates. Manager H. Simms appeared for the store.

**SOUTHERN CROSSING**

Another political issue was

brought up by Howard P. Jeter,

Berkeley Teachers, who said

that he was much opposed to

renewed proposals to establish

## Start Now On Local Election And One In '58, CLC Is Told

UNIONS! GET YOUR EDEN HOSPITAL DATA READY!

Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash urges all unions which have complained about alleged overcharges of their members by Eden Hospital to assemble this data at once and turn it over to him.

"Some unions were not ready with their figures at the recent one-day hearing on Eden Hospital," Ash told the CLC this week. "At the later hearing we must have the figures ready."

## Andrews & Werdel National Ticket Was Boosted Here

During the tumult of the recent campaign, many voters did not realize that at Hayward there was a group plugging for T. Coleman Andrews for President and Thomas H. Werdel for Vice President.

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**HOW TO BUY****Car Insurance-Finance Scandal**  
By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS  
Labor Consumer Adviser for Labor Journal

State insurance commissioners, who are supposed to protect the public against overcharges now stand revealed as having attempted to whitewash the nationwide practice of large finance companies in overcharging unsuspecting car buyers for auto insurance.

Involved in the nationwide scandal are not merely a few small or "fringe" finance companies usually blamed for installment rackets, but some very big finance companies who nally at the end of 1955 the National Association of Insurance own insurance companies. The Commissioners adopted a resolution admitting the existence of overcharges, but recommended or drivers under 25, whether or not there actually is a most recent, and with no proposal to suspend licenses of young drivers in the family, and without asking the buyer if he has a younger driver. The Class 2 rate is approximately twice as even said they weren't sure but that the refunds should be

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overcharged as much as \$75 for companies and not to the buyers themselves, which simply tal countryside overcharges run would mean taking the over-

as high as \$25,000,000. The Na-

tional Better Business Bureau putting them in another. To

reports some companies wrote date there still has been no

as few as one out of seven suggestion of barring these

policies at the Class 1 rate, companies from selling insur-

ance as state departments have

others the higher rate if the com-

pany or finance company who committed flagrant

failure to stipulate that the low-

er rate should be charged.

Actually four out of five car

owners are entitled to Class 1 rates. The finance companies and their puppet insurance

companies have been able to get away with this gouge be-

cause of the persistent practice

in the auto business of lumping

all charges for car, credit fee

and insurance into one sum so

the buyer doesn't know how

much he is charged for each

item.

Existence of the gouge has

been known to state insurance

departments at least since 1954,

if not before. In 1954, the Texas

Board of Insurance Commissioners learned that many car

buyers had overpaid for insur-

ance bought from Service Fire

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operating company insures more than 800,000 cars a year

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**Barbara Bell Patterns****To The Ladies FROM THE EDITOR**

POST-WAR BABY CROP, when it reaches high school age, is going to provide California with an almost overwhelming wave of delinquents, predicts Herman Stark, director of the California Youth Authority. He says that forest camps run by the counties might be "our only hope" to handle the number of youths expected to be committed to custody in those bright days of the future when this wave splashes over us.

Stark hopes the counties will be able to handle 85% of that post-war baby crop turned delinquent, so that the Youth Authority will have "to take only the 15% too tough for the counties to handle."

BUT WHY are so many of these children destined to turn out so badly that they'll have to be penned away from the rest of us as though they were a bunch of mad dogs?

The answer given by teenagers from the city of Alameda's four high schools to the Alameda City Council recently is simply this—that the control of children by parents isn't strict enough, and that there is a failure by too many parents to establish ground rules and hours to which the children must conform.

DELINQUENT PARENTS, in other words, are the reason we have so many delinquents.

And when you see how timid many parents are about even giving a little gentle advice to their youngsters, you wonder if there isn't a lot to that answer.

**Home Furnishings****Elegance!**

Two table settings now on display in special room at Tiffey's offer contrasting versions of elegant dining.

In a room devoted to English eighteenth-century silver, the mahogany table is shown with a tablecloth. The rich graining of the wood was considered enough decoration by English diners of that era.

Antique silverware from the Queen Anne period is arranged with tines and bowls of spoons and forks facing the table, another characteristic of the time in which they were made.

In another room, red velvet curtains cut out the daylight to display best the grandeur of gold-finished silver. This called vermeil, was developed in eighteenth century France and has been revived.

Cloths covering small round tables are made of a white damask woven with golden threads. Chairs are painted gilt and have red velvet seats.—New York Times.

**Gains on Railroads**

CHICAGO (AFLCIO)—Eleven non-operating unions have reached agreement with the nation's railroads on a three-year contract covering approximately 700,000 workers.

The Railway Mediation Board said the new pact calls for a first year wage hike of 10 cents an hour effective November 1, seven cents an hour November 1, 1957, and another seven cents November 1, 1958.

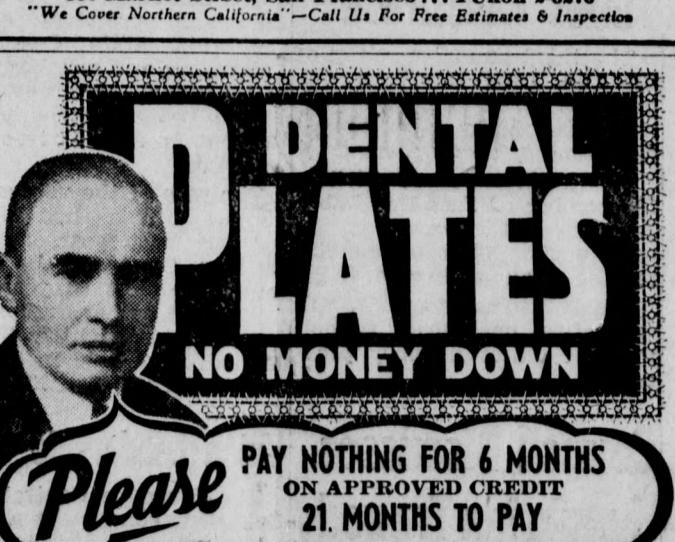
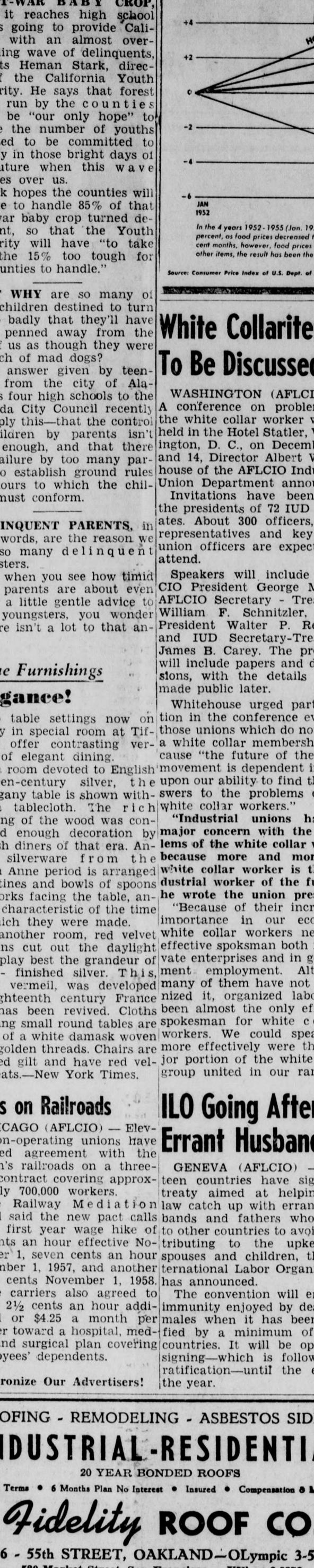
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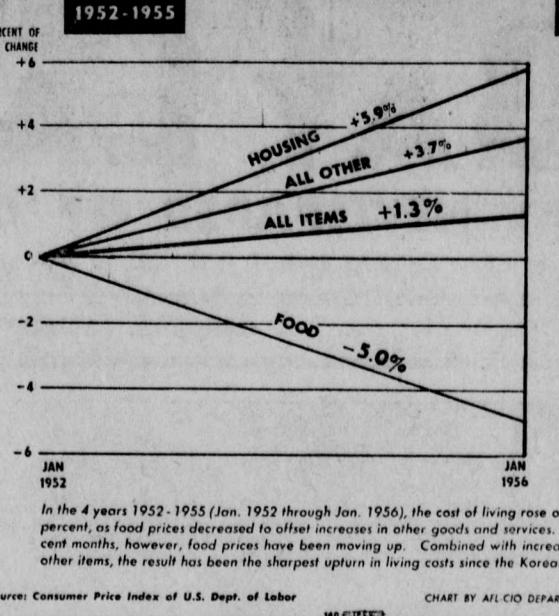
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**Women in This World**  
By EDITH McCONN

"I PLAN to take some courses at Columbia when the spring term opens. Probably will take a history course with Allan Nevins. Then I want to enroll in the Russian Institute. Maybe I'll take a course in politics, too."

There's nothing remarkable about the foregoing quotation. It might be heard on any campus at the end of almost any term. People are always taking courses at Columbia.

It so happens, however, that this remark was made by a man who received his A.B. from John's Hopkins University seventy years ago. He announced his plans for next spring on his ninetieth birthday.

This man is Abraham Flexner, one of the world's most famous educators, whose plans for educating others always go hand in hand with plans for education for himself.

The son of an immigrant, one of nine children, Dr. Flexner did not have an easy childhood. But he managed to get his education, and did the usual four years of college in two.

In 1910 he wrote a report on medical schools which revolutionized medical education in the United States. After it came out quack medical schools closed by the dozen and medical education was on a sound basis.

This was only one of the many great services he has rendered to the cause of education in this country. And he isn't quitting.

It made news five years ago when he enrolled as a freshman in Columbia, despite the number of degrees he already held. He is also engaged in writing his autobiography, for which his active life is continually supplying more material.

We have a lot of talk about retirement these days. Many look forward to it as a time of rest and play—and possible boredom. Only a few look upon it as an opportunity for more education.

No one dares mention the word "retirement" to this great man. While he is alive, he is working and learning.

Why not? For what else is life but working and learning?

SEN. HERBERT H. LEHMAN (D., N. Y.) receives the first Philip Murray-William Green Award. Leo Perlis, director of AFL-CIO Community Service Activities, announced.

**Some Good Food****'Canada Kitchen'**

In "Canada's kitchen" more than a dozen women virtually have a finger in every pie. But they dunk the adage that too many cooks spoil the broth.

These culinary experts include eleven home economists and three technicians working here in the consumer section of the Department of Agriculture, where a busy test kitchen and offices prompt the title "Canada's Kitchen."

Established in 1939 and placed within the department's marketing-service division, the kitchen is a link between producer and consumer. It keeps an eye on all agricultural commodities to provide information on anything from meat grading to apple jelly.

The chief of the consumer section says the section's main purpose is to help homemakers buy and use Canadian agricultural products wisely.

Changing shopping methods in large self-service supermarkets, new and different food products and changing consumer tastes and demands keep the section's experts busy.

"Food habits are changing fast . . . it is a big job just to keep up with the times," said the chief home economist.

**Speaking of Clothes****Handbags**

Pocketbook shapes go hand in glove with coat trends.

However, they are often opposite in silhouette from the clothes they accessorize.

Why this contrary fashion strategy? The better to see the handbag is supposed to be the explanation.

When coats are full and a bit fancy, handbags are certain to follow lean lines. When the fashion pendulum swings to austere, slim coats, handbags become more dressy, often slightly rounded in shape," says one expert.

Fashion landslides have had great effect on handbag design. For example, the stole. This swaddling style inspired the "clutch," a slim envelope bag. Women needed a pocketbook that would fit neatly into the palm of the hand in order to remain inconspicuous when crushed against the chest to hold the stole. A heavy purse, swinging from a crooked elbow, could be as exhausting as a session with a medicine ball.

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## Steamfitters In Slow Work Season

By JIM MARTIN

The delegates reports of the proceedings of the United Association convention held during the month of August in Kansas City, Missouri, were given at our last membership meeting and were well received.

We suggest that you read the October issue of the United Association Journal for additional information and changes in the Constitution that will affect you the next five years.

Open house was held at our last meeting, so those attending the Union meeting could visit the offices and see what some paint and alterations can do to a place. The changes were very well received by the membership. If you haven't seen our new offices, stop by for a look.

Business Representative Jim O'Donnell's condition remains about the same. Roy Bradburn had an operation on his back and is now convalescing and should be going to work in the near future.

Now that the reports of the delegates to the United Association convention and the California State Federation of Labor convention have been heard, the membership meetings will be back to normal. Reports of Committees and the reports of the Business Agents will again be heard. We urge that you attend at least one meeting a month.

The employment situation has been bad the past couple of months and with the exception of two major shut-downs, namely, the Fluor Maintenance Company project at Union Oil Refinery, Oleum, and Bechtel Company job for overhauling of the 100-Octane Plant at Avon, things are going to continue to be slow until after the first of the year. Some of our members have taken temporary work in the States of Utah and Washington. The Business Office wishes the membership of Local 342 a belated Happy Thanksgiving.

### Neutral Chairman

Ad G. Zalkus, Los Angeles coat and suit manufacturer, will take over next January as impartial chairman of the southern California ladies' garment industry.

The announcement of the Zalkus appointment was made by Samuel Otto, vice president and Pacific Coast director of the ILGWU.

Zalkus will succeed Dan A. West who has served as impartial chairman since 1952.

The impartial chairman is called on to interpret the labor-management agreement on points of difference between the union and the employer. His functions cover all phases of the agreement — wages, hours, piece-work ratings, or any point of contractual dispute.

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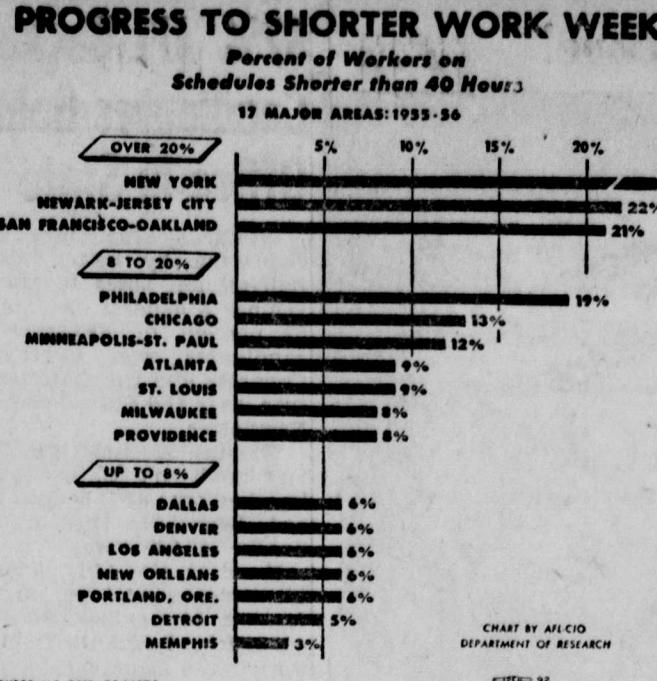
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## OFFICIAL NOTICES



### To All Members of East Bay Automotive Machinists 1546

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 P.M. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,  
A. J. HAYES,  
Recording Secretary

**Clerks & Lumber Handlers 939**

Attention, all members of Local 939! You are hereby notified that the next regular meeting of Local 939 will be held Friday, November 23, 1956, at 8 p.m. in Hall B, Labor Temple.

It will be necessary to nominate and elect a president of the local at this meeting. You are respectfully requested to attend.

Fraternally yours,  
A. R. ESTES,  
Recording Secretary

### Steamfitters Union, Local 342

The off-year Election of Officers for the years 1957 and 1958 will be held on Sunday, December 9, 1956, in Hall "D" of the Labor Temple.

The polls will be open from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Please bring your dues book. We urge that you make every effort to VOTE.

Fraternally Yours,  
JAMES MARTIN,  
Fin. Sec'y. Bus. Mgr.  
Steamfitters Union No. 342

### Painters of District Council No. 16

As has been reported to you at your Local Union Meetings and in a notice sent out by the Berkeley Local Union No. 40, the Boy Scout Headquarters in Oakland and the Scout Camp at Los Mochos are in need of a paint job.

Those of you who have boys in Scouting should get out and help with this worthwhile job to keep up the facilities used by your sons. Any painter will be welcomed as the more help we have, the easier the job.

CONTACT YOUR RESPECTIVE LOCAL UNIONS, and leave your name. A date will be set as soon as possible.

Fraternally yours,  
DISTRICT COUNCIL OF PAINTERS NO. 16  
FLOYD PEASLEE,  
Executive Secretary

### Painters Local 127

Our next meeting of the local will be December 13, 1956 at 8:00 p.m. This will probably be the last meeting of the year hope to see a lot of members out for this last meeting.

Fraternally Yours,  
EDGAR S. GULBRANSEN,  
Recording Secretary

### Painters Local Union No. 40

Our next regularly scheduled meeting, November 23, has been designated a special meeting, called for the purpose of nominating and electing one trustee.

Please make every effort to attend.

Fraternally yours,  
BEN RASNICK,  
Recording Secretary,  
Painters Union, Local 40

### School Employees 257

The next regular meeting will be held at 1918 Grove Street, Oakland, December 1, at 2 p.m.

Nomination of officers for 1957 will be concluded at this meeting. The executive board meets at 10 a.m.

Fraternally yours,  
JOE FALLS,  
Secretary

### UC Employees 371

The regular meeting will be held at 8 p.m., Saturday, December 1, at Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut Street, Berkeley. Executive board meets at 7 p.m.

There will be refreshments after the meeting.

WALTER N. RENYER  
Secretary-Treasurer

### Hayward Painters 1178

The next regular meeting of Local 1178 will be called to order at 8 p.m., Friday, December 7. Come to the meeting and express your opinion about anything that may be discussed.

Fraternally yours,  
ROBERT G. MILLER,  
Recording Secretary

### Cement Masons Union No. 594

The next regular meeting of Cement Masons, Local 594, to be held December 6, 1956, at 8:00 p.m., 2315 Valdez Street, will be a special meeting.

Special order of the business to be nomination of officers for 1957.

Yours fraternally,  
M. B. DILLASHAW  
Financial Secretary

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Watch It With Watchmakers EAST BAY LABOR JOURNAL, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1956

### Watchmakers Note Bad Ad, Adjust It

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

We can report that we had occasion to visit Centerville. A retail store in the Bay Area was sending their trade work to Morgan A. Chivers of that city. We were successful in obtaining a membership from him and at the time of our visit to Centerville, an unethical price advertisement by the Niles Jewelers in that vicinity, came to my attention. Therefore, it was necessary that I contact this establishment and have been successful in having this \$5.00 price eliminated.

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Other points in the contract provide increases next July 1 and on January 1, 1959, if there is an increase in the Bureau of Labor Statistics index. Piece work rates will be increased by 13 percent this year and 6 percent more in the second and third year of the pact.

There are also significant gains in vacation schedules, an additional paid holiday, improved pension, health, accident and welfare plans and other contract sections.

### Hard Negotiating In East Shipyards

By JOYCE E. LOBNER

"Some day science may have the existence of mankind in its power, and the human race commit suicide by blowing up the world," so wrote Henry Adams in 1862.

You hear the same kind of remark often nowadays. But pick it apart and the fallacy is exposed. Such thinking resembles a belief in magic, for it rests on a personification of science.

Rightly defined, science is merely a method or technique for investigating natural processes. By it man found out how to cause chemical and physical reactions, how to store up and release energy. He still does not know what energy is, what life is, or how to manage his own affairs peacefully. Justice is a conditions he rarely even tries to achieve.

In such a simple problem as a salary increase, we find two or more groups of individuals opposing each other as to the fair solution. We find stubbornness, narrow-mindedness and selfishness ruling the decision instead of reason, far-sightedness and efficiency.

If the human race commits suicide, it will not be of science. The blame will rest on its own reckless stupidity in its use of scientific tools and its lack of fairness and brotherly love.

**13 U. S. UNION MEMBERS** are studying abroad under awards from the Fulbright and Ruskin College scholarship plans, according to a compilation by the AFL-CIO Dept. of Education.

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## EDITORIALS

### 'Modern Republicanism' Is Defined by the GOP General

President Eisenhower told his first press conference after the election that the return of a Democratic Congress shows the voters are not convinced his "modern Republicanism" is going to be the guiding philosophy of the GOP. But he said he is going to work "industriously and incessantly" to mold the Republican Party to his concepts and persuade the people it is here to stay.

But what is this "modern Republicanism" which the GOP may be some day brought around to? What is this political philosophy which we are for the time being to behold enshrined in the General, but later are supposed to see bursting forth in all its glory in the Colonels of the Grand Old Party, such as Knowland, McCarthy, Jenner, and their ilk?

Well, the General, according to United Press, took the trouble to define it:

"The President defined 'modern Republicanism' as being based on three principles—integrity in fiscal matters, a sound dollar, and dispersion of power."

No matter how many labor people may have voted for the General on the ground that his grin is grinnier than Stevenson's, the fact remains that if the General has correctly stated his "modern Republicanism," it isn't a philosophy that just knocks over informed labor people with awe and admiration.

Fiscal integrity is important, the sound dollar is, too, and of course those two goals are closely linked.

But a fiscal policy and a money policy which is applied crushingly on the small business man and which in the long run—and in the short run, too—helps the big business concerns to grow more and more toward monopoly, is not very appealing to labor.

Why should we men be penalized for being men? Science tells us women live 10 years longer than men, which means women would draw much more money than men.

How about our unions circulating petitions all over the U. S. and getting equality for men? Maybe some of us will live to enjoy a little more ease before death claims us.

I have been a union member for 35 years.

Thank you,  
**ALVA WILSON**  
1711 Buena Vista Avenue  
Alameda.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** If a woman asks under the new law to begin getting her social security benefits at the age of 62, she signs a statement that she understands that she will permanently get only 80% of the amount per month she would get if she began receiving benefits at 65. Women who have jobs, and from whose pay deductions are made for social security, prefer to wait until they're 65 before accepting benefits. Actuarial experts have figured that the total amount of benefits received for the remainder of the life span is the same whether a woman begins taking benefits at 62, getting 80 percent per month of full benefits, or waits until 65 and gets 100%.

## LEVIATHANS

The American people may now in fact have reached the point of no return. The world of free competitive, independent, individual enterprise is shrinking fast. Corporate leviathans are larger than ever, both absolutely and relative to national income. There are dozens of them that employ scores of thousands of workers, have hundreds of thousands of stockholders, make millions of dollars of net profits after taxes each month, and possess billions of dollars of assets.

Their economic power potential is enormous. Their direct control of jobs, payrolls, and revenues in more than a dozen instances exceeds that of even the largest states. — Professor T. J. Kreps of Stanford.

## START SQUEAKING'

We are paying our University professors less than we pay our garbage men. The average academic salary for the year 1956-57 at the University of California is \$7,250. The 503 garage collectors of the City of San Francisco made \$7,441 each last year. A fault lies with the teaching profession itself. They have just got to learn that the only way to grease the axle is to start squeaking. — The California Farmer.

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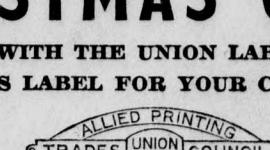
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### Now They Write About the Trolley Car Era as Something So Long Ago!

A sprightly, beautifully illustrated account of the street car that used storage batteries, era and its effect on the lives steam, hot water, compressed air, ammonia and even naphtha during the last hundred years, has just been issued by McGraw-Hill Book Co. It is entitled "Trolley Car Treasury." Its author is Frank Rowsome, Jr., an editor of Popular Science, who became a trolley fan from the time he rode his first street car to kindergarten in Dedham, Mass.

Author Rowsome and his technical editor Stephen D. McGuire have assembled the finest and best-reproduced collection of pictures—300 of them—we've ever seen on the subject. And the tone of the manuscript—some 60,000 words—is not lugubrious, or a requiem for the dear, dead past. Instead the book is packed with hitherto little-known facts and anecdotes as lively at times as the outpourings of a Broadway columnist.

For instance, did you know the name "trolley" came from "troller"—a toy-sized cart that ran on twin wires overhead to the car beneath, which towed—trolled—it along like a child dragging a roller skate on a string? Or that the original name of Brooklyn's National League Pennant winners was the "Trolley Dodgers," so named because of the number of trolley car lines in the borough? Rowsome has dug up these and other bits of memorabilia to surround a collection of pictures that ought to keep any old timer occupied for days.

The types of equipment shown in this book date back to the earliest horse cars and

### Between the Red Devil & Blue Sea

Governor Samuel King of Hawaii has fired Attorney General Edward N. Sylva, a Republican as is the Governor, for attending a testimonial dinner in Honolulu to Jack Hall, out on bail as a convicted Communist.

Hall is regional director for the ILWU, the union headed by Harry Bridges.

U. S. Senator Eastland of Mississippi, one of the most reactionary of the Dixiecrat Senators, who by the ironclad rule of seniority is head of the Judiciary Committee of the Senate, which looks into civil rights questions, is headed to Hawaii soon to make an investigation of how things are going in the islands.

The Republican machine in Hawaii was between the red devil and the deep blue sea, it is reported, on the question of whether top Republicans should attend the ILWU affair. If they attended they'd face cross examination by Eastland on just what their connection was with you-know-what. If they didn't they might lose the 24,000 Harry Bridges is supposed to have in his pocket in Hawaii. So Attorney General Sylva decided not to risk the 24,000 votes, and lost his job in the gamble.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

### 62% AFL-Backed Candidates Gained Office in State

President Eisenhower took California by better than a half-million votes in the November 6 general election, but 62 percent of AFL-sponsored candidates won election to Congress and the state legislature, says the State Federation Newsletter.

Thomas Kuchel, the GOP's incumbent U. S. Senator knocked over AFL-backed Richard Richards, Democrat, by nearly 300,000 votes.

However, the AFL picked up two congressional seats in California's 30-member delegation when John J. McFall (D., Stockton) upset incumbent J. Leroy Johnson (R., Stockton) in the 11th District, and D. S. Saund (D., Westmorland) took the 29th District seat held by John R. Phillips (R., Banning) until his recent retirement.

Semi-official ballot results show the following AFL box-score:

1—Thirteen of 26 AFL-endorsed candidates were elected to Congress.

2—Twelve of 17 endorsed candidates were elected to the State Senate.

3—Forty-seven of 73 endorsed candidates were elected to the State Assembly.

AFL recommendations were upheld in 11 of 13 state ballot propositions. In six instances the AFL made no recommendation.

AFL-opposed No. 4, the oil control measure, was beaten almost 3 to 1. However, AFL-endorsed No. 10 was rejected; the measure would have altered civil service hiring procedures for architects and engineers.

This likely had some effect in keeping Congress from following the landslide pace to the GOP charted by Eisenhower.

Secretary of Labor Mitchell said the results should "dispel forever the myth that the Democratic party is the party of labor."

Mitchell said the President's huge vote was "proof of the endorsement of his policies by the working men and women of America."

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